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Lakes Limestone Trade Down 15 Percent Through June

CLEVELAND—Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes total 7,952,201 tons through June, a decrease of 14.7 percent compared to the same point in 2013. The decrease is even slightly larger when compared to the trade's long-term average through June: 16.2 percent.

Loadings out of U.S. quarries stand at 6.8 million tons through the second quarter, a decrease of 15.7 percent. Shipments from Canadian quarries total 1.1 million tons, a decrease of 8.6 percent.

The totals are testimony to the effects of the brutal winter of 2013/2014. The ice conditions were such that only one limestone cargo had moved by April 15. A number of the lower-horsepower river class vessels that serve the limestone trade had to delay their sailings well into April because of heavy ice.

Great Lakes Limestone Trade: June 2009-2014 and Long-Term Average (net tons)

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Average 2009-2013
U.S. Ports	2,114,392	3,048,324	2,909,044	3,226,497	3,137,880	3,069,520	3,080,436
Canadian Ports	878,533	817,458	685,611	626,970	494,770	633,646	656,202
Total	2,994,934	3,865,782	3,594,655	3,853,467	3,632,650	3,703,166	3,736,638

Long-term average does not include 2009.

Great Lakes Limestone Trade: Year-To-Date 2009-2014 and Long-Term Average (net tons)

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Average 2009-2013
U.S. Ports	5,585,830	7,831,341	7,050,160	8,246,444	8,069,422	6,806,936	7,799,341
Canadian Ports	1,832,571	2,155,701	1,622,927	1,715,812	1,252,369	1,145,265	1,686,702
Total	7,418,401	9,987,042	8,673,087	9,962,256	9,321,791	7,952,201	9,486,043

Long-term average does not include 2009.

U.S. ports: Calcite, MI, Cedarville, MI, Drummond Island, MI, Kellys Island, OH, Marblehead, OH, Port Inland, MI and Presque Isle, MI. Kellys Island ceased shipping in fall 2009. Canadian ports: Bruce Mines, Manitoulin Island and Smelter Bay (all Ontario).

Lake Carriers' Association represents 17 American companies that operate 57 U.S.-flag vessels on the Great Lakes and carry the raw materials that drive the nation's economy: iron ore and fluxstone for the steel industry, aggregate and cement for the construction industry, coal for power generation, as well as salt, sand and grain. Collectively, these vessels can transport more than 115 million tons of cargo per year. More information is available at www.lcaships.com. Contact: Glen G. Nekvasil, Vice President (440-333-9996).

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